

## Mary Lou Terrien

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**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** Opposition to HCR 28

I am writing to convey in the strongest terms possible my opposition to HCR 28.

The resolution communicates false and misleading accusations of malfeasance and threat. No court or other competent authority has ever found that the Office of Refugee Resettlement or any other actors in the resettlement process in Michigan are in violation of the security or local consultation provisions of the Refugee Act of 1980. The security screening process has been well-documented and proven to be highly effective in the course of the admission of 3 million refugees to the U.S. since 1975. It is by far the most rigorous form of screening applied to any group of people seeking admission into the United States.

Having been directly involved with the resettlement process of refugee families in the Kalamazoo area, I can tell you from first hand experience that these families are people who have been through hell and are simply looking for a safe place to live and raise their kids. They are hard working, highly motivated people who desire to be productive members of our community. They are not a threat to our security, rather, they are assets and welcome additions to our community and country.

No legislation based on lies and misinformation is good legislation. Please join me in opposing HCR 28 and send the message that we are, in fact, the caring and compassionate country we claim to be.

Sincerely,  
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